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REQUEST TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
AS TIMELY FILED ON JANUARY 3, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed October 3, 2001, on January 3, 2002 Applicant filed a Response with a check in the amount of \$42.00 attached thereto. Due to the anthrax letters following September 11, 2001 and postal interruption for zip code 20231, Applicant's Response was apparently irradiated. The result of the apparent irradiation was obliteration of Applicant's heat-sensitive mailing label, which read: "BOX FEE AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231." However, after the apparent irradiation of the label, because the label is heat-sensitive, the address is no longer visible and the envelope was returned to sender. See enclosed original envelope. Another indication of apparent irradiation is the fact that Applicant's original papers have been turned to yellow by extreme heat.

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Applicant's original submission contains a proper certificate of mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a). Additionally, a Response to Office Action is a document entitled to the benefit of a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a). Applicant, therefor, requests the Commissioner to consider the enclosed Response to the Office Action as being timely filed as of the date of the Certificate of Mailing of January 3, 2002, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a).

In the alternative, if the Commissioner does not accord Applicant's response its original date of submission as indicated on the original Certificate of Mailing, Applicant hereby requests an extension of time in the amount of two months in order to extend the deadline to March 3, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 162201. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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